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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY. THE FRENCH OBSERVER AND THE TANZANIAN

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FACILITATOR SAID ON DEC. 28 THAT TALKS CONTINUED FROM DEC. 24-28, WITH A BREAK ON CHRISTMAS DAY. THE RPF AND THE GOR TEAMS, HAVING SETTLED THE DISTRIBUTION OF CABINET PORTFOLIOS, WORKED THEIR WAY THROUGH OTHER ISSUES AND STARTED WORK ON A DRAFT PROTOCOL. FONMIN NGULINZIRA RECIEVED WORD FROM KIGALI THAT THE ARRANGEMENT OF CABINET PORTFOLIOS WOULD BE SETTLED FIRST IN KIGALI; HIS REACTION WAS THAT THE AGREEMENT REACHED IN ARUSHA WAS VALID. END SUMMARY.

2. JEAN-CHRISTOPHE BELLIARD, THE FRENCH CHARGE IN DAR ES SALAAM AND THE OBSERVER FOR THE RWANDA TALKS, RETURNED TO DAR ON DEC. 27 AND INFORMED US THE FOLLOWING DAY THAT THE PARTIES HAD CONTINUED DISCUSSIONS ON DEC. 24 AND DEC. 26-27. REGARDING THE ANNOUNCED AGREEMENT ON THE CABINET PORTFOLIOS (REFTTEL) HE SAID THAT RWANDAN FONMIN NGULINZIRA RECEIVED A LETTER FROM PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR ENOCH RUHIGERA STATING THAT THE ARUSHA NEGOTIATORS SHOULD NOT CONCERN THEMSELVES WITH THE DISTRIBUTION OF CABINET

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PORTFOLIOS. NGULINZIRA'S REPORTED REACTION TO THIS WAS TO SNORT THAT THE ARUSHA NEGOTIATORS HAD SETTLED THIS ISSUE, AS FAR AS HE WAS CONCERNED. AND, IN FACT, THE NEGOTIATORS HAVE MOVED ON TO OTHER ISSUES.

3. BELLIARD SAID THAT ON DEC. 24 THE TWO PARTIES GOT COMPLETELY STUCK ON THE ISSUE OF HOW TO HANDLE THE TWO REMAINING PORTFOLIOS IN THE CABINET; AT ONE POINT THE FACILITATOR, AMB. MPUNGWE OF THE TANZANIAN MFA, THREATENED TO END THE GOT'S MEDIATION IF THE TWO SIDES COULD NOT AGREE TO MOVE AHEAD. THE GOR AND RPF TEAMS DECIDED TO DEFER THE ISSUE INSTEAD AND MOVED ON TO CONSIDERATION OF OTHER POLITICAL TOPICS, SUCH AS THE LENGTH OF THE TRANSITION PERIOD, WHETHER TO HOLD A NATIONAL CONFERENCE, A TIMETABLE FOR THE TRANSITION PROCESS, A FORMULA FOR THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE TRANSITIONAL CABINET, AND WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT THAT THE PRESIDENCY FALLS VACANT. THEY SETTLED ON AN OATH OF OFFICE, AND AGREED THAT HOLDING A NATIONAL CONFERENCE WOULD BE A BAD IDEA. HE FELT, ON THE WHOLE, THAT THE DISCUSSIONS WERE GOING WELL BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES, THE MOOD WAS GOOD, AND BOTH PARTIES WERE OPTIMISTIC.

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4. THE TANZANIAN FACILITATOR, AMB. AMI MPUNGWE, PROVIDED A SECOND BRIEF UPDATE ON DEC. 28. HE SAID THE PARTIES WERE PREPARED TO REACH AGREEMENT ON A NUMBER OF OTHER ISSUES, IN ADDITION TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE BROAD-BASED TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT, AND EXPECTED TO "TIE UP THE PACKAGE" OVER THE NEXT 4-5 DAYS. GOR NEGOTIATOR KANYARUSHOKI AND RPF NEGOTIATOR

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MAZIMPHAKA WERE MEETING DEC. 28 TO BEGIN WORK ON A DRAFT PROTOCOL. HE NOTED THAT IN VIEW OF THE TIME NEEDED TO REACH AGREEMENT ON POWER-SHARING, THE TWO SIDES HAD AGREED TO FINISH WITH THE CABINET, THE ASSEMBLY, AND RELATED ISSUES, THEN TAKE A BREAK BEFORE TURNING TO MILITARY INTEGRATION AND REFUGEES (PRESUMABLY THIS MEANS TALKS WILL BREAK AROUND THE NEW YEAR, THEN RESUME AGAIN LATER IN JANUARY). HE SAID THAT THE TWO SIDES HAD NOT YET WORKED THROUGH A PROGRAM OR TIMETABLE FOR A TRANSITIONAL PERIOD, AND THAT THE ISSUE OF THE LENGTH OF THE TRANSITION WOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL THIS HAD BEEN DONE.

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5. BELLIARD ALSO PROVIDED A FEW FINAL NOTES ON THE
JPMC AND THE OBSERVERS. HE REMARKED THAT THE JPMC HAD
ACHIEVED SOME GAINS. THE FRENCH MILITARY ISSUE WAS
EVIDENTLY NOT RESOLVED, BUT THE GOR AND RPF AGREED TO
MEET IN RWANDA WITH NMOG TO DEMARCATHE THE NEUTRAL ZONE
DIVIDING THE TWO SIDES, USING A FORMULA THAT WILL
ADJUST THE DISTANCES EACH SIDE MUST WITHDRAW TO TAKE
INTO ACCOUNT THE SHALLOW DEPTH OF THE RPF POSITION IN
SEVERAL PLACES. BELLIARD OBSERVED THAT THE JPMC
SESSION HAD BEEN USEFUL IN PERMITTING THE PARTIES TO
VENT THEIR SPLEEN AT EACH OTHER IN A WAY THEY COULD
NOT DO IN DIRECT NEGOTIATING SESSIONS. HE ALSO
REMARKED THAT THE BELGIANS, BURUNDIS AND FRENCH (IN
ADDITION TO THE U.S.) CURRENTLY HAD NO OBSERVERS AT
THE TALKS; THE GERMANS, UGANDANS, OAU AND SENEGALESE

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WERE STICKING IT OUT.

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